Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* I said that the Bill has not been passed into law.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Assent has not been given. So does it not mean that it has been dissented from?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* The Bill has not been dissented from by His Highness.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Assent has not been given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* I do not say that.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: ഇതിന്റെ അർത്ഥം എന്താണ്?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ഈ ബിൽ കൌൺസിലിൽ പാസ്സായിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഇതു ഒരു അക്ടായി നിയമത്തിൽ വന്നിട്ടില്ല.

Mr. P. A. Muhammad Ashrof *(Cranganur):* Has it been submitted to His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Such questions are not generally answered.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. മാണി: ഇതു കൌൺസിലിൽ പാസ്സാക്കിട്ടും ഇതു ഒരു അക്ടായി നിയമത്തിൽ വരത്താതു എന്താണ്?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: കൌൺസിൽ നടപടികളെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സ് നോക്കിയാൽ അറിയാം. അതിൽ ഇതൊക്കെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether it has not been submitted to His Highness?

Mr. President: Order, order. That question is out of order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I wish to point out that Standing Orders do provide that when a Bill is passed after the preparation of the marginal notes it has to be submitted to His Highness.

Mr. President: That is true. But the Government is not at liberty to disclose at what particular stage matters stand between this House, Government and His Highness.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We are helpless, Sir.

LICENSES UNDER THE NEWSPAPERS ACT

55. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):*

(*a*) what are the journals (Please say whether they are dailies, weeklies, monthlies, etc.) for which licenses have been granted by the Government under the Cochin Newspapers Act and who are their editors;

(*b*) what security amounts are taken from each of them;

(*c*) have Government taken any proceedings against any journal under the said Act and if so with what result?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) A list is placed on the Council table.

(*c*) There was no prosecution under the Newspapers Act till date.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Is it not a fact that the security amount of "Keralam" was forfeited?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is mentioned in the statement placed on the Council table that it is in addition to the answer given.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Is it not a prosecution under the Act?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is mentioned in the statement placed on the Council Table.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* What are the reasons?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is a matter of discretion to be decided by the Government mainly depending on the tone of the papers and the antecedents of the people who run the paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the questioner or the Hon'ble Member of the Government may read it out the table that is before him in answer to questions (*a*) and (*b*).

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I am not prepared to do that. The statement is placed on the Council table so that the Hon'ble Member may read it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it on the Council table now?

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Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It was on the Council table.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* May I know whether Dr. Kamal Pasha from whom a security of Rs. 500 was demanded by the Government for starting "Prakasm" ever started that paper?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* May I know how many persons have started after furnishing security?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Is it not a fact that "Prakasm" was being conducted at that time?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* License was cancelled on application and the license fee refunded to him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the criterion for fixing the security amount?

Mr. B.V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is exactly what I answered to Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan's question just now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether in the case of persons who are considered good boys the license fee was rediculously low and in other cases it is abnormally high?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Govnment):* There is nothing rediculously low or abnoramally high. It will depend upon the particular angle of vision with which it has been viewed. We do not concede that anything is rediculously low or abnormally high.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Are the Government in a position to give any information now about Mr.T. P. Kunjunni Nair of "Keralan"?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I have no information.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Is it a fact that "Deenabendu" is the paper that has paid the highest amount of security just now in existence?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think it is so.

Mr V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Is there any paper in which maximum license fee is imposed?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* "Keralan" and "Prakasam".

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* After forfeiting the security amount of Rs. 500 did the Government demand further security from the paper?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* May I know is Keralan being published now?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not published now.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* May I know when it was stopped?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The license was canceled in 1112.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the paper was stopped on account of its attitude?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The paper had to be stopped because the Government had to take action under the Newspaper Act.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Are the Government aware that Mr. P. C. Chakko, Editor of Times of Malabar ever started that paper from which a demand of Rs. 50 was made?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Whether the system of licensing a journal or newspaper is in existance either in Madras Province or in Central Government?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I have no information.

Mr. P. Kumara Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will you please collect the information Sir.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഈ സെക്യൂരിറ്റി എമൌണ്ട് നിശ്ചയിച്ചതിൻ ശേഷം പത്രാധിപരുടെ സ്വഭാവത്തിനും പത്രത്തിന്റെ സ്വഭാവത്തിനു വല്ല മാറ്റവും വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിൽ വല്ല ഭേദഗതിയും വരുത്തുമോ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: ലൈസൻസ്സ് ഫീ 100 രൂപവരെയാകാമെന്നാണ് നിശ്ചയിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഓരോ പത്രത്തിനും ഇരുവിതമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതു് ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്റെ യുക്തമനുസരിച്ചാണ്. പത്രത്തിന്റെ ലൈസൻസ്സ് കാൻസൽ ചെയ്യുവാനും ഉള്ള അധികാരം ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിനുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ: പത്രത്തിന്റെ സ്വഭാവം കുറെ അനുകൂലമായ നിലയിലാണെങ്കിൽ സെക്യൂരിറ്റി എമൌണ്ടിൽ കുറവുചെയ്യുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: തീർച്ചയായിട്ടും ചെയ്യും.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുന്നൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: ലൈസൻസ്സ് കൊടുക്കുമ്പോൾ പത്രാധിപന്മാർ നടത്താൻ പോകുന്ന പത്രത്തിന്റെ സ്വഭാവം ഏതു തരത്തിലാണ് എന്നു നോക്കീട്ടാണോ കൊടുക്കുന്നതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ: 100 രൂപ ലൈസൻസ്സ് ഫീ അടച്ചു് ഒരാൾ ഒരു കടലാസ്സ് തുടങ്ങിയശേഷം അയാളുടെ നയം ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിനനുകൂലമായ നിലയിൽ വ്യത്യാസപ്പെട്ടുവന്നാൽ ഈ 100 രൂപയിൽ നിന്നു് എന്തെങ്കിലും വ്യത്യാസം വരുത്തുമോ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I refuse to answer that question because it is an hypothetical question.

NEWSPAPERS ACT—SECURITIES DEMANDED UNDER

56. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) with respect to which Newspapers did they make any initial security demand of Rs. 250 and above since the coming into force of the Cochin Newspaper Act;

(*b*) who were the editors of those papers?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) In respect of the Newspapers "KERALAM", "DHEENABANDHU" and "PRAKASAM".

(*b*) 1. Mr. T. P. Kunhunni Nayar.
2. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan.
3. Dr. Kamal Pasha Thail, respectively.

ACCIDENTS ON THE BRIDGES CONNECTING THE WILLINGDON ISLAND WITH MATTANCHERI AND ERNAKULAM

57. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many accidents had there been on the bridges connecting Venduruthy with Ernakulam and Willingdon Island with Mattancheri and on the roads approaching these bridges, in the last two years;

(*b*) how many of these accidents were fatal;

(*c*) what action was taken to minimise or overcome these accidents;

(*d*) whether they have found out the reason for these accidents;

(*e*) whether they have thought of the possibility of constructing footpaths on these bridges to avoid these accidents; if so, if they have any idea of constructing the same in the near future?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) There were altogether 18 accidents in the years 1119 and 1120.

(*b*) None of these was fatal.

(*c*) The pedestrians are being educated in the matter of road sense by the introduction of Anti-Jay-Walking campaigns and the over-speed of motor vehicles are detected and controlled by the laying of speed traps.

(*d*) Want of road sense on the part of the pedestrians has been mainly responsible for these accidents.

(*e*) The question of providing foot-paths to the bridges will be considered.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know the width of the road and the bridges?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The exact width I cannot say.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know, whether the Government are aware that there was an accident two months ago and a boy died suddenly an account of thet?

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